# The Montgomery County RECYCLETTER

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## Paper or Plastic?

It isn't such a hard decision anymore. Both can be recycled. Plastic shopping bags are strong, yet lightweight, and are the choice of many shoppers. They are recycled into such a useful product as plastic lumber - a nonrotting, splinter-free, no-maintenance board useful for building fences, picnic tables, benches, decks, and even compost bins. How long a piece of plastic lumber will last is something we won't know for many years to come.

Where I shop for groceries, the customers often ask for paper bags placed inside plastic bags. It seems that they like the added strength of using both and the convenience of the plastic bag handles for carrying.

But paper bags are plenty strong and can be used in a way that plastic cannot. Paper bags are perfect for paper recycling. They can be stuffed with scrap paper, computer paper, small paperboard boxes, empty toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, newspapers, wrapping paper, paperback books, and even telephone books. Small corrugated cardboard boxes can be broken down to fit inside the paper bags or, if they are about the same size as a paper bag, can be stuffed with recyclables and set out for curbside pickup. Large cardboard boxes can be flattened and tied with twine in bundles no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet and no thicker than 6 inches.

In this way the paper recyclables are contained so that they fit easily into the recycling truck. If the paper bags and small boxes are placed in a blue bin instead of placed separately at curbside, it is less likely that they will fall over and the contents be spilled and become litter. Using a blue bin for loose paper is not recommended because the bin might become excessively heavy and small pieces of paper could be blown away by the wind. Litter is a major concern.

Most of the county already has curbside pickup, and the rest of the county should be participating by the end of August. From what we have seen at our mixed paper dropoffs this year, many people are eager to receive curbside service and astonished at how much less trash they have to throw out when they recycle.

It is easy and important to remember that no plastic bags should go into the container with the paper. This includes the bag that holds the newspaper inserts, as well as the bag the paper is often delivered in. However, don't worry about the little plastic window in some envelopes or in noodle boxes. Plastic contamination can cause shipments of recyclables to be rejected by the reprocessing factories. As with the curbside recycling of yard waste, use paper bags in which to do your recycling. Please make sure to take those plastic bags back to a grocery store so they can be remade into something else.

Sustainable forestry seems to be the wave of the future. Wood can be a renew(Continued on Page 4)

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The 52nd Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is soon to be the focus of considerable attention by the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program. Every year we represent the county's determination to make recycling easier by educating the public at this popular event. Recycling, grasscycling, vermiculture, composting, household hazardous waste collection, and now used computer collection are the subjects of interest. The expertise of our volunteers is what the public is seeking, and we will be there for them.

This year we will be at a different location, where there will be room for our Recyclemobile. The Recyclemobile is a powerful symbol of Montgomery County's commitment to recycling.

This year the theme of the fair is the Year of the Horse and the Year of Home Arts. The fair begins on Friday, August 11th., and will continue through Saturday, August 19th. Many volunteers are needed to staff the shifts throughout the week. We need to have our area staffed from noon until 8:00 p.m. each day. The shifts are noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to

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## News Brief



According to Rick Dimont, Program Manager with the Division of Solid Waste Services, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections are attracting more people and keeping more hazardous chemicals out of the waste stream than ever before. So far we've had 1,700 more people than in fiscal year 1998 and 1,500 more people than in fiscal year 1999.

Thanks to the assistance of MR/C volunteers and staff of the firm Safety Klean, traffic flows smoothly through the drop-off site. The drivers of cars and trucks are greeted; given literature, such as the HHW information wheel and collection schedules for the second half of the year; and assured that they will be assisted soon and professionally by experienced attendants. Special thanks to the Safety-Klean staff for sharing their lunch with our volunteers. Water, sodas, sandwiches, salads, and cookies for everybody working helps spirits stay high.

Copies of the July through December HHW schedule are available by calling 240-777-6400 or visit our web site www.MCRecycles.org

We encourage all our readers to do the right thing and dispose of unwanted chemicals at an HHW collection. Better yet, volunteer to help out at a collection and bring those unwanted products with you. This is a wonderful group activity and is suitable for Student Learning and Community Service credit. No volunteer ever handles anything hazardous. Our volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of these events.



The County's Division of Solid Waste Services has scheduled additional **computer recycling** collections at the Montgomery County Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, for the following Sundays: July 16th., September 17th., October 8th., October 22th., and November 12th. All events will be held between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Residents should enter the Transfer Station via the Shady Grove Road entrance.

Residents may drop off old or unwanted central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, wires and power cords, computer speakers, surge protectors, video cards, scanners, computer mice, software, and other peripheral computer equipment. The age or the operating speed of the computer does not matter. Monitors that have broken screens are not acceptable. No other electronic equipment will be accepted. All collected material listed above will be recycled through donations, reuse, or remanufacturing.



The threat of mosquito-borne illness is of great concern to many people up and down the East Coast. You can help reduce this threat by eliminating locations where mosquitoes can breed. Look around your property for containers of standing water. Check the kids' tire swings, saucers under pots and planters, clogged gutters, pets' water bowls, etc. Nobody likes mosquitoes whether they carry disease or not. Encouraging bats to occupy bathouses on your land can reduce the number of these pests in your yard as well as in your neighbors' yards. Purple Martins are also ferocious predators of mosquitoes. But if you do attract birds and choose to provide them with drinking and bathing water, make sure it is kept fresh by changing it daily. A very small effort is all that is needed to make sure your property is involved in the solution and not contributing to the problem.

#### Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling by the year 2000.

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### A Note to You



The most recent extension of mixed-paper recycling in the county is the biggest step in recycling that the county has taken in years. It will keep tons of paper out of the waste stream and help the county approach the goal of 50-percent recycling. Curbside pickup on your regular recycling day makes it very easy to do.

Still there is more we can all do. Children learning about recycling in schools can instruct their parents. Neighbors can advise and influence their neighbors about what can be recycled and what can't. Volunteers can assist at the last of our paper drop-off collections in July and August.

These collections have been hugely successful. The citizens of Damascus never missed a beat as the county switched their paper recycling at the Damascus Safeway to pickup once a month. Soon they'll have paper recycling at the curb every week. The Bethesda community around Walt Whitman High School

appears to contain the outstanding recyclers in the county. In May 15,060 pounds were collected there. In Potomac, on a drizzly April morning, Channel Nine weatherman Topper Shutt brought his paper for recycling. And although I was very tempted, I did not complain about the lousy weather. I'll bet he gets a lot of that.

It's a sad fact that over 150 million computers will be discarded in the U.S. this year. That is enough to fill a hole three and a half miles deep and an acre wide. However, in Montgomery County, computer collection has started at the Transfer Station. The second collection of the year was held on June 25th. All computers collected will be reused, rebuilt or recycled. Recycling computers is a day long event. Won't you consider volunteering to help?

The Agricultural Fair is almost here. I look forward to meeting many of the volunteers who will be there helping throughout the event. It will be our second year managing the blue bin recycling. After the success of last year's efforts (3,200 pounds recycled), I suspect that visitors to the fair will expect to find blue bins so they can recycle their cans and bottles. Let's not disappoint them!

# Recycletter Online!

The Recycletter is available electronically. Go to- <a href="http://www.MCRecycles.org/volunteer/recycletter.htm">http://www.MCRecycles.org/volunteer/recycletter.htm</a>. If you'd like to switch to the electronic instead of the paper version, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852 or e-

mail us at MRC@Windsor.com.

## Do You Have Something to Say?



Do you have something to say? Do you have a reflection, a consideration, an observation, or an inspiration that might make for good reading? Want to write an article, perhaps a poem,

or scribble a drawing for us? We'd love for

you to submit something. It doesn't have to be long or especially profound. Make this newsletter yours, just like the volunteer program. Inspire others with your point of view. Encourage others. You can make a difference

In the *Recycletter*, our primary objective is to inform our volunteers about the issues of the day and the changes to established ways of doing things. A well-informed volunteer force is and always has been a priority of our program. But many more people than our volunteers read the newsletter. If you are a Solid Waste professional or have expertise related to the subjects discussed in our newsletter, you are invited to submit an article. If, like me, you are proud of your county's efforts to recycle and determined to help us reach the goal of recycling 50 percent of our trash, then write your thoughts down and you may just see them in print.

Of special interest to me, as the Editorin-Chief, are the achievements of environmental activists. There are those among us who do more than their fair share. Some people have a passion that knows no bounds. We all can learn so much from people who really care and dare to share their opinions with us. If you think the world would be a better place if there were more folks who thought like you, then here's your chance to tell them what you do and why you do it. How about you? Is there something you'd like to say? OK, here's a topic, just in case you can't think of something to write about: What does the Volunteer Program mean to me? I could fill pages on the subject, but I'd rather hear from our readers. Writing articles for the newsletter is about the easiest and most enjoyable task I do at my job as Acting Manager of the Volunteer Program. But if we want the newsletter to be fresh and interesting, we need submissions from our readers. You know you have a lot to say. Here is your forum: the Recycletter. Grab your pencil (made from recycled paper, I'm sure) or your refillable ballpoint or cartridge pen and start writing. Here's a sample topic sentence: "I have been a Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer for ---- years and have no intention of leaving, ever." Hey, I really like the sound of that!

--Jim Welch

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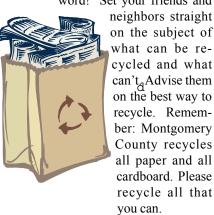
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able resource, given time and planning. Selective cutting of trees can provide enough wood and fiber for our needs without clear-cutting public or private lands. Recycling our paper not only helps our county reach our goal of recycling 50 percent of our trash, but also reduces demand for virgin paper products.

Consider these facts: recycling 1 ton of paper can save 17 trees - trees that can be better left to absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, that can shade and cool the earth, and can be a home for wildlife. One ton of high-grade recyclable paper can substitute for 3 tons of wood in making new products. One ton of paper, recycled, creates five times more jobs than creating 1 ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp. One ton of paper made from recycled pulp saves 7,000 gallons of water; prevents emissions of 60 pounds of air pollutants; saves 390 gallons of oil; and saves 4,200 kilowatts - enough to heat your home for 6 months. And if those reasons aren't enough, there is the plain fact that recycling paper is just the right thing to do.

Paper Bags - they are made from trees, but they can save trees. Spread the word! Set your friends and



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6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will provide admission passes. We can also use some special help for setup on Friday, August 11th., starting at noon.

We will take down and pack up everything on Saturday, August 19th., during the 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. shift. That last day, we will also need volunteers for the last mixed paper drop-offs at Potomac Community Center and Walt Whitman High School. So, Saturday, August 19th., will be a very busy day for us.

Dozens of volunteers helped out last year and made a great difference by physically bringing recycling to the fair. Last year we placed over 70 blue bins around the fairgrounds. Sometimes we had to remove inappropriately placed items of trash from the bins so as to discourage more trash and encourage more recycling. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans don't weigh much, so imagine how many there must have been to weigh 3,200 pounds! We should be very proud.

Magnificent horses; lowing cows; hungry goats; chubby pigs; huge oxen; racing ducks; furry rabbits; clucking chickens; wonderful ice cream; fresh lemonade; sliced pizza; tangy BBQ; creamy cheddar cheese; spicy Italian sausage; an enormous ferris wheel; a spinning tilt-a-whirl; respected area merchants; talented handcrafters; hand-shaking politicians; picture perfect prize-winning fruits, flowers, and vegetables; beautiful quilts; and old-fashioned farm machinery - these are the images representative of the county fair. We want to add to these the full, uncontaminated blue bins of recyclables. We've made a commitment and now it's our time to show everyone how committed we are.

Please call the MR/C Volunteer program office to sign up for a shift. Our number is 301-840-2852, and our e-mail address is mrc@windsor.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

--Jim Welch

## Recycling Tips

- Instead of buying bottled water, wash the bottles and refill with filtered water.
- Save cancelled postage stamps and donate to a school, nursing home or veterans hospital.
- ♦ Make coasters from plastic container lids. Decorate inside with fabric scraps or decorative paper which has been laminated with clear contact paper.
- ♦ Make a pet poop scoop with a 1/2 gallon milk jug. Cut the top out, leaving the handle and a smooth edge for scooping. Place a used plastic newspaper bag, plastic produce bag, or paper lunch sack inside for easy removal of waste.
- ◆ Save cardboard backing from used note pads for craft products, mailing with pictures to prevent bending, etc.
- ♦ Store change, push pins, paper clips, coins, buttons, safety or straight pins, small craft items, i.e., glitter, small stickers, beads, and confetti in plastic film canisters. Also, you can check with your local photo shop to see if they will recycle them for you.
  - Use old road maps for school book covers.

--Stacy Ichniowski

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## Household Hazardous Waste, Part II

## Hazardous Household Products: Use Responsibly and Try Alternatives

The other day I told a friend that I was going to help out at a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection. My friend, unaware of the problems with HHW, asked me why all these products were available for purchase if they were indeed hazardous. I explained that it was primarily because they worked well and they required less effort and elbow grease than the traditional soaps, baking soda, borax powder, vinegar, etc., that our greatgrandparents used. They are advertised as time-savers, germ killers, and modern alternatives to old-fashioned cleaning techniques. Use our product, the advertisers say, and you'll have more leisure time and be free of the drudgery of scrubbing and constantly cleaning. The advertisers have no responsibility to warn us of any dangers that might be associated with the product, but the manufacturers do. We each have a responsibility to use that product according to the directions and dispose of unused portions in compliance with the laws of our land.

So, my friend asked, who suffers from the use of HHW products? All of us, was my answer, sometimes in profound and sometimes in subtle ways. Children are especially susceptible to exposure because of their small size and weight. Children also breathe more air in relation to their body weight than do adults. The elderly and those adults with depressed immune systems are also at greater risk, whether they use the products themselves or simply reside in an environment where they are used.

Our houses, which are increasingly made airtight for energy conservation, serve as traps for airborne chemicals. Adequate ventilation is always a good idea. Open those doors and windows and air out the house regularly. Indoor air pollution can be many times worse than outdoor air pollution. Opening up the doors and windows, however, may aggravate the miseries of those who suffer from allergies. In fact, as we grow older and the outdoor air pollution gets worse, more and more people develop allergies. Chemicals used indoors may trigger allergic reactions, from mild, such as headaches, to severe, such as a closed-off airway, which requires hospital attention.

Occasional exposure to most HHW products is not a great risk. But repeated exposure, especially without protective gloves, goggles, and possibly even respirators, can lead to a toxic build-up of chemicals in the body. Sometimes illness may take years to develop (sometimes those chemicals may not be the only cause of an illness). Bodily damage from toxins may include, but is not limited to nerve, liver, and kidney damage; reproductive disorders; developmental disorders; and even cancer.

Warning labels are not always adequate and often are not read or followed. Concentrates can be dangerous to use if they are not reconstituted correctly and are used at too concentrated a strength. Would-be chemists often mix products with dangerous results. Mixing two common household cleaners, ammonia and bleach, creates deadly chloramine gas. Even vinegar mixed with bleach can be dangerous.

The bodily damage from exposure to hazardous household products is only one facet of this complicated and confusing subject. Chemicals that are not disposed of properly wreak havoc on the environment. One quart of used motor oil can pollute up to 200,000 gallons of water. Used motor oil is very toxic, and pouring it down a storm drain is no different from pouring it straight into a river. Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and all the other poisons we use outdoors can wash into the stream system if they are misused or if too much is applied. Our responsibility to dispose of chemicals properly extends beyond our own personal preservation to include the whole planet. By being good role models, we can impress upon the world community the need to use the least powerful chemicals. We can use up what we buy according to the manufacturer's instructions, and dispose of unwanted quantities in an environmentally responsible way.

By the time I was finished explaining all I knew about HHW, my friend was sorry

he had asked. Although I don't think he'll go "green" overnight, he has a better understanding of the problem. Each of us has a choice. We all have the right to buy just about any chemical product we desire, but with that right comes a responsibility that cannot be overemphasized.

Remember: Just because someone sells a product doesn't mean we need to buy it. Avoid the lure of the manufacturers and advertisers that promise quick-fix cleaning solutions. Use up or give away the bottles, cans, and boxes of chemicals that have been sitting in your garage or basement for as long as you can remember. Take the rest to an HHW collection and get them out of your house. One person *can* make a difference, especially a damaging or dangerous difference when HHW products are disposed of improperly.

Here is a commercial product along with some alternatives you may wish to try: **MOTHBALLS:** 

These contain paradichlorobenzene, one of the most dangerous chemicals you can bring into your house. It may cause cancer; may be toxic to the liver and the kidneys; and may be neurotoxic and mildly ecotoxic. "Harmful if swallowed" doesn't begin to warn of the dangers of an item that looks like candy and can bring on seizures in a child within an hour of being ingested. "Avoid prolonged breathing of vapor" is another common warning on mothballs. But try not breathing the vapor of a substance exposed to open air! The chemical permeates the clothes it's meant to protect. How are you not going to breathe it?

Alternatives include aromatic herbs, such as rosemary and mint, as well as lavender flowers - all of which you can grow yourself. Old tobacco and spices, such as whole peppercorns, discourage moths from eating clothes in storage. Cedar is an old standby. Cedar chips work well as do wood chips soaked in cedar oil. A cedar closet can be a worthwhile investment. Cedar planking is available in hardware stores, and thus to build your own cedar closet is easy. If your clothes contain larval-stage moths, you can freeze or heat the clothes to kill the little caterpillars. You can also put your woolens in airtight containers, where no moth can reach them

.--Jim Welch

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## Worms Need Friends Too!



The regional Adopt a Costumed Character Today organization, or ACCT, has listed on its website, www.acctup.com, a priority need for one furry annelid named "Digger the Worm." It seems that young Digger has no one to help him with some upcoming events, and this makes him very sad. If he had real eyes, he'd probably cry. Digger needs a slender volunteer about 5½ feet tall to bring some life back into him. He also needs some friends to escort him around fairs and parades because, like his friend Timmy the Turtle, if Digger falls over, he can't get up by himself.

Events include the 62nd Annual Labor Day Parade in Gaithersburg on September 4th. and the Poolesville Day Parade on September 9th. Of course, it would be nice if Digger could attend the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in August. Worms get in free, and so will any of Digger's friends who choose to bring him. Just remember: He gets sick on most of the rides.

Contrary to popular teenage opinion, associating with costumed characters has recently been deemed "cool," "totally awesome," and even "tight!" by all the major teen magazines, including *Talk to the Hand, Whatever*, and *Beat Beat*. Major stars, such as Britney Spears and Ricky Martin, would probably be friends with Digger if they only knew who he was.

Won't you consider spending some time with Digger? To volunteer call the Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852.

## Thank You, Volunteers

The MR/C Volunteer program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. May and June work included these activities: Chuck Beranek, Tony Cammarota, Dick Carr, Urte McNellis, Jane Oosterhuis, Martha Merenda and Sylvia Eidlin took calls to the Recycling Hotline.

Our appreciation goes out to Carol Uhlendorf, Valerie Peeler, and Melody Collins for helping at the Poolesville Mixed Paper Drop-offs. Melody Collins also helped at the Aspen Hill Mixed Paper Drop-off, as did Heidi Johnson and Peggy Brennan. Volunteers from the community of Damascus came out to help with the May 13th paper drop-off: Cindy Snow, Lynn O'Dell, Paul O'Dell, and Barbara Canugo helped recycle over five tons of paper. In June, scouts from Troop 1397 in Clarksburg, including leaders Liz Habermann and Scott Ryan, and scouts Daniel Russell, Chris Ryan and Jonathan Ryan worked hard for their community. In Potomac, Urte McNellis, Pat Purcell, and Carol Simon staffed the paper collections. At Walt Whitman High School, a friend of Jane's and volunteers Anne Quinlan, and Howard Solomon assisted Jane Coe.

Silver Spring resident, **Donna Rae Castillo** brought her paper to Blair and offered to help at Whitman the next week. She was a great help. Special thanks to this new volunteer. **Heidi Johnson** also helped out at Blair High School on a very hot day.

HHW collection regular, **Bob Mabie** brought his friend **Joe Connor**, to help out at both collections at the Shady Grove Transfer Station. **Valerie Peeler**, **Kristie Welch**, and **Sylvia Eidlin** also gave their time. **Georgene Ammon**, **Carol Sippel**, and **Dick Meyer** helped out at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Briggs Chaney. At NIH **Georgene Ammon**, **Heidi Johnson**, **John Kough**, **Nicholas Eiden** and **Bob Miller** assisted with the HHW collection. **Christian Llanos**, from the National Naval Medical Center volunteered as well. And three fine young men, **Christopher Adams**, **Andrew Adams**, and **Fernando Nestorio** displayed boundless energy in their distribution of literature.

**Carol Uhlendorf** staffed our booth at the Audubon Nature Fair, and spoke to many interested people about composting. **Ken Angell** and his wife, **Tricia Kolsky** were there too. Many visitors at the fair benefited from the wisdom of these fine volunteers.

At the Spring Festival at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park, **Thomas Galloway** shared his passion for composting. **Laura Weiner** assisted, giving out blue bins and selling compost bins. **Michael Ortwerth** and seven Cub Scouts from **Pack** 318 could not wait for the fair's visitors to seek us out, so they roamed the crowd and handed out yard trim stickers and most of the literature we brought.

At the Taste of Wheaton we had people lined up for blue bins, buying compost bins, learning about worm composting, and asking questions of our volunteers. **Paul Crumrine** and **Phil Browne** shared their expertise in composting with the crowd, and students **Jamaal Etheridge** and **Laura Weiner** assisted in every way they could while learning from the experts everything they could.

The Silver Spring Ethnic Festival was held on Sunday, June 25th. Our thanks go out to **Mike Smith, Faith** and **Laura Weiner**, and a new volunteer, **Kimberly Adams.** Kimberly learned from our experts and caught on really fast. **Bob** and **Suzanne Browning**, along with **Pat Purcell** shared their expertise with the audience.

A repeat of our first successful computer drop-off was held at the Transfer Station. Our thanks go to **Carol Uhlendorf**, **Roland Radloff**, **Bob Mabie**, **Kristie Welch**, and students **James Mulligan Welch** and **Hubbard Hoyt**. We hope these two young men will help us many times again.

In June a tour of the Recycling Center was done by **Tony Cammarota**. Once again **Diane Reinke** gave her time to edit our articles and make this newsletter readable. Thanks, Diane!

Somehow in our last issue, we failed to acknowledge the contributions of **Bernadine** and **Joe Dadey** at the Blair High paper collection last March. Our apologies are extended. And, for the record, the Dadeys have been active in our volunteer force since 1995, and their assistance is as much appreciated today as it ever was.

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## Recycling References

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood (Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

301-840-2370 Montgo

#### PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, newspapers, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, magazines, catalogs and yard trim.

#### DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)

Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.

#### **CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING**

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and material larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.

#### MATTRESSCYCLE

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts mattresses and box springs.

The Salvation Army also recycles mattresses at the following locations every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of Route 118, Germantown

CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd., Bethesda

#### LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance); Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355); Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355)

Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units and dehumidifiers.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 9 Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, August 6 Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, August 20 Silver Spring Parking Lot #2
Sunday, September 10 Shady Grove Transfer Station

Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).

#### **FURNITURE**

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

#### SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

#### ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation

301-424-3000

15000 Southlawn Lane

Buys back aluminum cans scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances.

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville

301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Buys back white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard.

#### SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp.

301-589-4002

9001 Brookville Road

Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.

Yeshiva of Greater Washington

301-649-7053

1216 Arcola Ave.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Accepts aluminum cans.

Takoma Park-Silver Spring Food Co-op

301-891-2667

201 Ethan Allen Avenue

Accepts aseptic packaging, all types of plastic containers, and mixed paper.

#### **GAITHERSBURG AREA**

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems

301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

Accepts all types of paper ("any thing that tears").

#### WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086

301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper*.

#### **COLLEGE PARK AREA**

University of Maryland Recycling Center

301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzerott Rd. and University Blvd.)

Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper. corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, and textbooks.

#### DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church

301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours *Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.* 

#### **POOLESVILLE AREA**

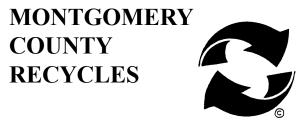
Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road

240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).

Master Recycler/Computer Volunteer Program 16101 Frederick Road Derwood, Maryland 20855 Bulk rate U.S. Postage PAID Rockville, MD Permit No. 138



Return Service Requested

## Calendar of Events

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852, or MRC@windsor.com. Visit www.MCRecycle.org/volunteer for the most current calendar.

#### Fair and Festivals

Saturday, July 22nd. Linden Farm Tour, Dickerson

**August 11-19,** Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, Gaithersburg. This is our biggest event of the year! Staff our information area and/or do hands-on collection of recyclables. Shifts are: Noon-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. Collections will occur daily starting around 1 p.m. Groups are welcomed. Sign-ups by August 1 are strongly encouraged.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and hand out literature. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 11:45 to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Schedule on page 7. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word, and consider signing up yourself!

#### **Computer Collection**

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and assist with collection. This event starts at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at 4:00 p.m. Schedule on page 2.